

**PATENT**  
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5    **Applicant:**            Alok Srivastava            **Confirmation No.:** 6477  
Application No:        10/798,545                    **Group Art Unit:** 2169  
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15    **Title:** *Method and apparatus for integrating data from external sources into a database system*  
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**Response to a final Office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

20    **Status of the prosecution**

The above patent application (hereinafter "the present application") is a divisional of U.S. patent 6,735,598, filed on 10/29/1999 and issued on 5/11/2004 and having the same title and inventor as the present application. The filing date of 6,735,598 is the priority date of the present 25 application.

An RCE in the present patent application was filed on 10/6/2008; claims 1-28 are pending. Applicant received a first Office action in the RCE on 11/20/2008; in the Office action, Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 103 30 as obvious over the combination of Levy, U.S. Patent 5,995,961, and Tene, U.S. Patent 6,928,463; the remaining claims were rejected over the combination of Levy, Tene, and Official Notice. Applicant traversed the rejection because Tene's priority date made it unavailable as a reference against the above patent application. Examiner thereupon mailed a second non-final 35 Office action on 4/28/2009 in which the application was again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103, with a new reference, Malkin, U.S. patent 6,317,795 (henceforth "Malkin") replacing the Tene reference. Applicant traversed the new rejection and amended his claims to clarify the language. Examiner thereupon notified Applicant of a final rejection on 11/6/2009 in which claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as obvious over the combination of Levy with a new reference, U.S. Patent 6,769,028, Sass, et al., "Method and apparatus for sharing streaming